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The Newsletter of Mililani Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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WE ARE FULLY OPEN

Welcome back! We are continuing our traditional Sunday Services. With the end of the mask mandate for indoor activities, our Sunday Services will include singing, chanting, and socializing in temple facilities. This has been a long time coming and many have not been to temple in awhile. Of course you can continue wearing masks and social distance if you choose. Other temple activities are starting up again however, you should contact your program coordinators for specific details.

Namo Amida Butsu

September 2022

- 4 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 11 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 11 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 18 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School Trip to Jikoen Hongwanji
- 21 9:00am Ringing Bells for Peace Day
- 24 1-4:00pm Oahu District Fall Seminar (Dr. Rosalie Tatsuguchi)
- 25 9:00am Peace Day & Autumn Ohigan Service & Dharma School

October 2022

- 2 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 9 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 9 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 16 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 23 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 30 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School

All Family Services can be accessed through Mililani Hongwanji and 'Ewa Hongwanji's Facebook Pages and also through the Mililani & 'Ewa Hongwanji Facebook Channel (Simply type: shorturl.at/evwCU in the web address space on your browser for YouTube) (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)





Minister's Message



The Lesson of the Air Conditioner



It is finally September, and hopefully the weather will start to get a little cooler. After two years of going without an air conditioner in the master bedroom of my parsonage, I finally bought one and replaced the broken one. After removing all the black mold and making the wall spacing a little bigger, I was finally able to beat the hot summer nights we've been having. However, as I look back to that installation, I learned something.

In September, we observe Shuki Ohigan, or the Fall Equinox. We are reminded that this is the best time to rededicate our lives to the Buddha Dharma. One of the ways we do that, is to be mindful of the Six Paramitas. Rev. Jo'en Ashikaga says, "The Buddha provides us with insight to take notice of things." In that, he says that we as humans want to strive to a level of being good, but to what extent? He mentions that all we are capable of is acting to our own accord for our own convenience and self-centeredness. To that extent, often we don't realize the inner working of the Buddha's Infinite Wisdom and Incomprehensible Compassion. Though we may not physically see or feel this inner working, it does not neglect us but nurtures us and gives us the tools to live our everyday lives, we just haven't noticed it yet. Ohigan enables us to rededicate ourselves to that nurturing.

In trying to replace the old musty air conditioner, I managed to get the unit stuck, due to the wood frame being swollen from all the water that collected from the condensation. I soon realized that this was a two-person job, as I couldn't simply push the unit out the other way and letting it fall two stories. Just so happened I was teasing myself with some of our members via a group text and I had mentioned what happened. And I also called my father for some assistance. Within minutes, my father and one of our members from 'Ewa Hongwanji was helping me to get rid of and install the new unit. I was very appreciative of them coming. In my head, I thought this project was going to be simple, an hour tops, not three hours!

The selfless giving of my father and the 'Ewa Member reminded me of how conducive and hopeful the Teachings are in our lives. I could have been stuck, I could have pushed that unit and send it plummeting to the ground, but with their guidance, selfless giving, and help, I can now enjoy and be comfortable in my bedroom at nights. The lesson of the air conditioner will always remind me of just how the Teachings can make this world a better place, and that realization of being given the tools necessary to take notice of things in our moment of introspection.



Rev. David Fujimoto

President's Corner

Aloha Mililani Hongwanji members and friends!

I hope you are well and staying safe. I would like to thank our many volunteers who have helped at our Bon Dance, and especially co-chairs Clifford Togo and Reverend Fujimoto for their leadership and all the planning work that went to execute this event. While some things have changed, the important part (to me) is to have a safe event and members and guests are able to enjoy the fellowship, dance, eat, and have fun. Unfortunately, now that I'm living in California, Doreen and I were not able to attend due to other commitments at this time, but perhaps we can be there to attend a future bon dance.

We will be upgrading our lights to LED (changing some fixtures and/or ballasts) and this will help the temple with energy savings and associated costs. The good news is that the upgrades are free under a program with Hawaii Energy. The work has not been scheduled yet, but we are looking to have the installation to be done in October, pending the contractor's schedule.

We are continuing to plan for our 45th Anniversary in November, so please look out for notices in the newsletter for more information. Mahalo and with gratitude.



Dean Sakamoto



Summary of August 10, 2022 Kyodan Board Meeting



- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President Dean Sakamoto conducted the meeting from his home in California (10:00pm).
- Treasurer's Report presented for the month ending July 31, 2022. Second Quarter Kyodan Assessment was paid. Second quarter GET was also paid. 60% payment made to electrical contractors to upgrade parking lot lights and flood lights. Charged to CIP funds.
- Cherry Blossom Festival court and coordinators will be present at Bon promoting their annual festivities.
- Request to use temple facilities by interested Sangha Mah Jong players was approved.
- Ohana Arts request to rent temple facilities was approved.
- Hawaii Energy /AES project to install LED indoor lighting to be scheduled in a few months.
- Ed Building floors to be stripped and waxed on September 3, pending manpower availability.
- KUMON amended agreement signed to reflect additional use on Thursdays, 2-5 pm, effective August 25.
- Bon Dance: Third General Bon Dance meeting was held on August 3, 2022. LED flood lights and additional parking lot lights installed. All the sub-committees on track and ready for the big event. O'Bon was featured in the Central Oahu Voice section of Midweek that should attract community to attend. Please continue to support the Silent Auction and Country Store with your donations. The Jr. YBA of Oahu (drinks) and the Judo Club (Kalua Pig & Cabbage, Chile/Rice, Hot Dogs) are in the planning. KO-KUA will be needed on Friday, 8/19, 8:00 am and Sunday, 8/21, 8:00 am to set up. Come and participate in this community/Sangha funfilled event. Let's keep the tradition alive. Final Wrap Up meeting on September 7, 7:00 pm, temple building for evaluation and recommendations. Open to everyone.
- Oahu Jr. YBA will be hosting the 2023 Hawaii Statewide Jr. YBA Convention.
- BWA returning to the team approach for after Sunday Service refreshments. Sign up if you are able to provide light refreshments. Your DANA is appreciated. See Lani or Diane.

BON DANCE ENJOYED BY THE SANGHA AND COMMUNITY



Wow, what a fun filled Bon Dance weekend! Mililani Hongwanji's Bon Dance came back strong as ever after two years in hiatus. It really looked like there was a pent up demand for Bon Dance as the crowds on both nights were incredibly large. People started arriving at 4:30 to be first in line for the BWA's Country Store, Silent Auction and Craft Fair. There were many "good finds" for those bargain hunters.

The Lantern Parade kicked off the weekend festivities as the Jr. YBA coordinated the short trek from the adjacent park to the Yagura. The children (& parents) really enjoyed parading in their colorful kimonos and happis carrying their chochins (lanterns) on bamboo sticks. Dancing started at 7:00 and went non-stop till 10:00 that ended with the up beat Ewa Fukushima Group. The dancers were shoulder to shoulder having "good fun" and getting a cardio workout at the same time.

The food truck lines were steady, continuously serving a variety of ono local foods and desserts. From the kitchen, Marian's catered bentos were sold by the temple as well as Kalua Pig Cabbage, Chile/rice, and Hot Dogs prepared by Mililani Hongwanji Judo Club. The Jr. YBAs were selling a variety of ice cold drinks that kept everyone hydrated from the summer heat & perspiration.

It seemed like everyone had to have their fill of andagi before the night was through. The line was super long extending to the green dumpster way back in the corner of the parking lot. Unbelievably, no one was turned away. That Guy is just amazing!

Donations at the Choba table were generous and towels were selling off the racks, doubling previous bon dance sales.

Safety and security are always priority as HPD, the First Aid Station, and the Mililani Lions Club traffic monitors were prepared should the need arise. Fortunately, there were no reported incidents. The trash gang did a great job of keeping the grounds clean & safe. There were no trash on the ground.

All in all, it was a great weekend that brought the community and Sangha members together where we all could have fun again. All of this happened with the support and hard work of our temple members. You are the core to this success and hope we can continue this tradition in the years to come.

Mahalo and In Gassho,
Cliff Togo
Dean Sakamoto
Rev. David Fujimoto





BWA News

With Mother Nature giving us splendid weather, the absence of a live O-Bon experience for the past two years, and combined with the hard work of numerous Kyodan members, we had quite an awesome celebration this year. Our ancestors surely must be happy at all the merriment and dancing that went on and on and on until closing time. Thank you one and all for your support.

The BWA's Country Store, chaired by Diane Yoza and Claire Doi, saw an on-going stream of visitors craving baked goods, takuan, lilikoi butter, hand crafts, kimono, happi coats, plants, and even hard-to-find warabi. Now the planning commences for next year's O-Bon.

We wish to extend a big "thank-you" to Nora Hahn for sewing seat covers in such a short time. Nora placed them in a box, labeled it, and also included the pattern should we need replacements in the future.

In celebration of Peace Day September 21, event chairs, Theo Hirai and Diane Yoza, presented baskets containing origami cranes tacked onto straws, with a message from Mililani Hongwanji. They were placed in the lobbies or counters of community businesses to anyone who wanted a crane, with the hope of spreading messages of peace.

We will be restarting the rotation for refreshments beginning September. We circulated the refreshment rotation and groups that will be in effect through the end of the year. The 2023 lists will be distributed soon. Please see Lani if you haven't gotten your list. We always look forward to the delicious array of goodies and can't thank you all enough for sharing.

The Nominations Committee thanks all members willingly helping to complete the slate of officers for 2023. Despite your busy lives, we are truly grateful that you have committed to making the Mililani Hongwanji BWA a great organization.

The slate of officers for 2023 are as follows:

- President: Diane Yoza
- Immediate Past President: Nora Hahn
- Vice-President: Janice Yasunaga
- Secretary: Claire Doi
- Assistant Secretary: Lani Yamami
- Treasurer: Lenora Inoue
- Assistant Secretary: Aryn Ishikawa
- Auditors: Twila Castellucci and Charijeane Watanabe



BWA Country Store: Service with a smile.



Baked goods galore!



Dharma School

Welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 Dharma School year! We are looking forward to an exciting and fun school year. We are happy to continue meeting in-person and also via hybrid format once a month.

Our monthly schedule for the rest of the year will be as follows:

- 1st Sunday (Hybrid) - In-person in Ed Bldg., 10am (after 9am service) & on Zoom
(if online participation is confirmed)
- 3rd/4th (& 5th if applicable) Sunday - In-person in Ed Bldg., 10am (after 9am service)
- 2nd Sunday - No scheduled class



On Sunday, August 28th, we opened our new school year as we traditionally do by holding our annual Rally Day. Dharma School students, old and new, and their families were treated to delicious pizza, dessert and drinks, thanks to a generous donation from Aunty Ann Ishikawa. Students filled out the Dharma School registration forms, played bean bag toss, and Summer Bingo with lots of yummy prizes for all. It was a great way to kick off the new school year!

Here is our schedule for the month of September:

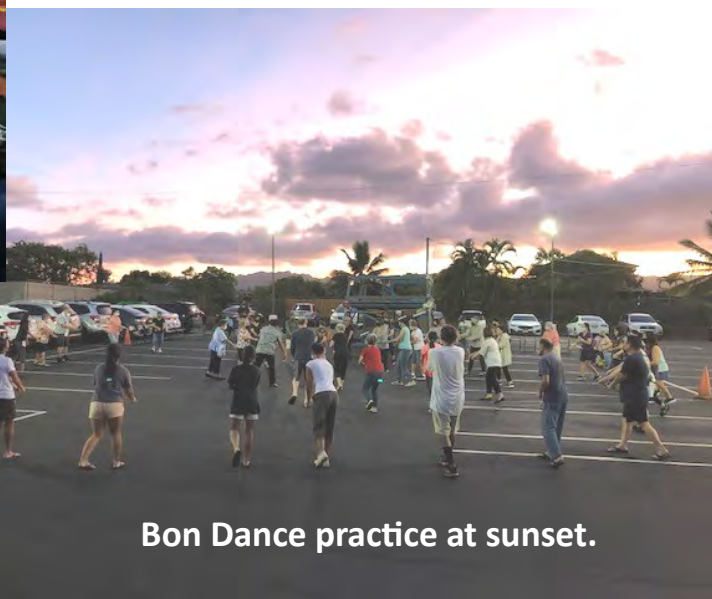
- Sunday, September 4th, 10am: Get to know you activities
- Sunday, September 18th: Field trip to Jikoen Hongwanji, 9am
- Sunday, September 25th, 10am: Ohigan and the Six Parmitas



If you know a student (preschool to high school), in Mililani, Hawaii, or even on the mainland, who would like to join in on our sessions, please contact Claire Doi at clairedoi@hawaiiantel.net to be added to our email list to get our meeting agendas and links. Or please feel to contact us if you have any questions or need more info about our Dharma School sessions.



Silent Auction bargain hunters.



Bon Dance practice at sunset.



Friday morning set up.



Jr. YBA Happenings

Aloha and Happy End of Summer! We hope that you all had a fun-filled summer and that you are settling back into the routine of school and activities. I'm sure many of you participated in a Bon Dance this year and it was so fun to have it back in person! If you had the opportunity to join us for the Lantern Parade, thank you for your participation and we had a great time. Thank you to our many volunteers who joined us to sell beverages at our booth: the United of Honolulu Jrs, friends, parents and siblings! Shout out to Ty and Chad for their performance with the Ewa Fukushima Bon Dance Group! Nothing beats that live music to get you pumped up and moving!

We want to give a huge thank you to the Thursday Gang, especially Mr. Lester Ogawa, for the tireless work you did to clean the ice machines and coolers and help us get everything set up! We really appreciate everything you did for the weekend to help us run the booth smoothly. Also, an extremely big mahalo to Da Andagi Guy and his generous donation of his tip jar to our organization. We are truly grateful for all the support we get from our sangha!

As we start our school year off, we are going to stay quite busy planning our annual state convention which will be held next June 2023. We are still working on the exact date but keep your eyes and ears open for it as we will announce it as soon as we have our venue secured.

Upcoming Dates:

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, September 4, 11:30am at Mililani Hongwanji.

Saturday October 22: Hawaii Buddhist Youth (HBY) Month fundraiser – Manju bake sale. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to our chosen organization, World Central Kitchen. We will be taking pre-orders and baking on October 22 with delivery / pick up on October 23. See Flyer for ordering information. If you are of Jr. YBA age and want to participate in baking, please contact us via Instagram messenger, email: jrybafoahu@gmail.com, text or call Aunty Aryn (808) 271-8254

We are looking forward to meeting more young people! Jr. YBA is open to students from 7th grade to one year after high school graduation. You do not have to be a member or a temple so invite your friends too! If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact us come to any of our events.



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[@hawaiifedjryba](https://www.instagram.com/hawaiifedjryba)



Website: www.hawaiiiryba.com



Statement on the Right to Reproductive Freedom

We deeply lament the recent decision by the United States Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, curtailing the ability of individuals especially women to make reproductive healthcare decisions for themselves.

The issue of abortion should not be seen in dualistic absolutes. The Dharma teaches us to value the preciousness of all life or existence regardless of the form. However, we also know there are various causes and conditions, some beyond the immediate control of any one individual, which factor into the personal and private decision to end a pregnancy. Thus, we should refrain from unfairly judging the decisions made by another. As such, we believe the agency of an individual should be respected and honored, as we each have the capacity to make informed and responsible decisions for ourselves based on circumstances.

Shinran Shōnin, the founder of Shin Buddhism affirmed the complexities of life and how difficult it is for us to discern the wholesome from the unwholesome. This is why we go to the Dharma (Teachings) for guidance and are unconditionally embraced by the non-discriminative Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha which surrounds one and all beyond the distinctions that our human minds may make.

The Court's decision to eliminate federal protections for abortion will deepen inequality in our country, as many individuals and communities already face inconsistent access to quality health care services. Especially at risk are Black, Latino, Indigenous, and other communities of color who will encounter worsening health and economic disparities. Women's reproductive health services should be considered basic health care.

We acknowledge the pain, fear, and hurt that so many in our country are experiencing. We will continue to support the spiritual and bodily autonomy of women and others to make informed decisions about their own reproductive health.

Guided by the Buddha's Teachings, we believe complex and difficult decisions should be made with compassion, empathy, responsibility, humility, and an understanding of an individual's sometimes extraordinary circumstances.

May we live with a vision of mutuality and act from an understanding of our profound interconnectedness with kindness and respect for all.

In Gassho,
Bishop Eric Matsumoto
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, a Shin Buddhist Denomination of Pure Land Buddhism

Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair
HHMH Committee on Social Concerns

Creating Dharma Moments Together:

E Komo Mai

(Welcome in Hawaiian)

SAVE THE DATE...

2022 FALL VIRTUAL NEMBUTSU SEMINAR

Sponsored by the Honolulu & Oahu Hongwanji Councils and the Office of Buddhist Education

Sunday, October 23, 2022 ~ 1:00-2:30pm (HST)

Featuring Sensei Koichi Mizushima
from the Buddhist Church of Sacramento

Mark your calendars to join in on this seminar that will share how we can make our temples more inviting to everyone including youth & young families & create Dharma moments together!
More info to come soon.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

I'd like to extend a very HUGE thank you for the folks who were at temple early Friday morning who put up the yagura skirt! Even with the shortening of the Yagura, we were able to tuck the bottom and secure it from billowing. It turned out very nice and I know many people were happy to see it up!

Also, a big THANK YOU to everyone who brought flowers or greenery for our yagura. Extra mahalos to Ethel and Mamo Kuwahara, Aileen Sato, and Ty Wakahiro for your help arranging, zip tying, and taping flowers and leaves to the posts and offering directions from the ground. I don't know how it

would have gotten done without you! This was quite an undertaking so hopefully everyone will continue to support our Bon Dance for next year.

In Gassho,
Arynn Ishikawa



"I think we're finally done!"

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

2022 PEACE DAY IN HAWAII

International Day of Peace



You're Invited!



"RINGING BELLS for PEACE DAY"
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 - 9:01 AM

Register here: bit.ly/PeaceDay2022

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite the world to join us in ringing bells for PEACE DAY,

Wednesday, September 21st at 9:01 AM.

At 9:00 AM, we will have a minute of silence to honor all those who sacrificed for us to achieve peace.

Immediately following the minute of silence, bells will be rung by representatives at all the respective temples, churches, schools, and community organizations and individuals. They're our future in ensuring peace throughout the world.

We are also planning to capture the program and all participants on a Zoom Screen, simultaneously, so get your computers ready when you are sent the link to join the event.

Please RSVP by Sept. 12, 2022
You may request a Participation Form to

Rene Mansho - ph: 808-291-6151
renemansho@hawaii.r.com



November 2022 45th Anniversary & Keirokai Recognition

In November, Mililani Hongwanji will be celebrating its 45th Anniversary and also honoring our Keirokai members. Schedule of events:

- November 6th: Keirokai Recognition
- November 13th: Eitaikyo Service
- November 19th, Sat : @ 6:00 p.m.
45th Anniversary Celebration Social
(Additional Information forthcoming!)
- November 20th: Honor our Past Members
- November 27th: Honor our Current Members
and Temple Activities

Submit your good memories of Mililani Hongwanji including the activities you've enjoyed, the friendships you've made, and what you like about Mililani Hongwanji. Please submit your write-up to Dean Sakamoto @ muchyakuchya@gmail.com and Rene Mansho @ renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

We are looking forward to celebrating this significant milestone! If there are any questions, please contact the 45th Anniversary Committee, Dean Sakamoto or Rene Mansho.

Origami Peace Crane Business Partnership as an Ohana Day and Peace Day Project

The Oahu District has put together this project to promote life-long learning opportunities using the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii theme, "Building Healthy Sanghas, Connecting with Others" and also to partner with community businesses to recognize and celebrate Peace Day in Hawaii.

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21st. In 2007, Hawaii became the first state to recognize Peace Day.

Each temple will work together to create origami peace crane bouquets filled in a container with information about this project for Peace Day to be displayed at 2-3 businesses in the Mililani community. The origami peace cranes are to be shared with anyone entering the establishment between **September 14 and 21**.

This project is also a way to gather members to work together as part of Ohana Day for the Oahu District!

If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Diane Yoza at (808) 342-1629 or email diane.yoza@gmail.com or Theo Hirai at (808) 292-7612.



United Jr. YBA of Oahu HBY Month Fundraiser



In October, the United Jr. YBA of Oahu will sell Baked Manju filled with Koshian (red bean paste) to fundraise for our HBY (Hawaii Buddhist Youth) Month project. This year, we will be donating a portion of proceeds to the World Central Kitchen, a non-profit organization devoted to providing meals in the wake of natural and humanitarian disasters. Please see the information and order form below. Thank you for your continued support!

ORDER DEADLINE: October 9th, 2022

Please email any orders or questions to irybafoahu@gmail.com
(Include name, address, contact number, temple pickup location, and number of orders)

OR

Mail order form (bottom) to:

Mililani Hongwanji Mission, attn: Jr. YBA
95-257 Kaloapau St, Mililani, HI 96789

Pick-up date: October 23rd, 2022 (after service)

Pick-up locations: Aiea, Mililani, Pearl City, Wahiawa, or Waipahu Hongwanji

Payment: Cash (exact change) or checks payable to United Jr. YBA of Oahu

Please enclose payment or pay at the time of pick up/delivery

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Pick up temple location: _____

OR

Delivery Address: _____

Manju: one order is 6 pc for \$5 TOTAL: _____ orders x \$5 = \$ _____

Payment enclosed: Yes No



GIVE ALOHA TO MILILANI HONGWANJI MISSION | SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2022

What Is Give Aloha?

- Every September, Mililani Hongwanji participates in **Foodland's Give Aloha** community matching gifts program.
- Customers are invited to make a donation of up to \$249 (per person, per organization) at checkout and Foodland matches a portion of each donation.
- Mililani Hongwanji will receive 100% of all customer donations plus a percentage of Foodland's matching gift.
- The more donations we receive, the higher the matching funds we receive!

Follow These Easy Steps!

- Show your Maika'i Card to the cashier at checkout at any Foodland or Sack n' Save Store.
- Don't have one? It's free! Request one from customer service.
- Let the cashier know you'd like to make a donation to **Mililani Hongwanji #77543** and the amount, up to \$249.
- Your donation amount will be added to your purchase total.
- Save your receipt for tax purposes as it will be the only record you will have of your donation. **Please submit a copy of your receipt to Rene Mansho**, so we can record your gift.

Please refer to the flyer posted on the temple bulletin board for more details of the program.

OAHU DISTRICT FALL SEMINAR:



“VIOLENCE FROM A BUDDHIST PERSPECTIVE”

Understanding violence is important. Dr. Tatsuguchi will share how to understand violence from a Buddhist perspective. She will discuss Buddhism as a social science & Buddhist solutions to violence & solicit examples from attendees. There will also be time allotted for audience Q&A.

PRESENTER:

Dr. Rosalie Tatsuguchi

Dr. Rosalie K. Tatsuguchi is a retired licensed psychologist who had a private Honolulu practice. Her treatment approach blends Buddhist principles & recent Western scientific discoveries. She is also an accomplished author. Complete bio [here](#).

WHEN:

Saturday, September 24, 2022

1:00-4:00pm ~ Hybrid: in-person & via Zoom (link will be sent prior to 9/24/22)

WHERE:

Mililani Hongwanji
95-257 Kaloapau Street, Mililani



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

REGISTER

Online at: <https://forms.gle/zn34Lboly25KFXs68>

~ Or ~

Fill in form below & mail to:
Mililani Hongwanji
By Saturday,
September 17, 2022

DONATIONS WELCOME

All gifts received will be donated to benefit Violence Awareness. Checks can be made payable & mailed to: Mililani Hongwanji

Questions?

Call Mililani Hongwanji office at 808.625.0925

~ Registration Form ~

Name: _____

Temple (if applicable): _____

Email/Phone: _____

Mail to:
Mililani Hongwanji
P.O. Box 893308
Mililani, HI 96789

September Memorials

Those who have passed during the month of September.

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Lawrence Akasaki | Ayame Matsumoto |
| Raymond Asato | Torakichi Miyasaki |
| Karl Chikazawa | James Nakashima |
| Jhoane Fukunaga | Takino Nomura |
| Richard Fukunaga | Norman Okino |
| Charles Hamasaki | Rumi Sagara |
| Jack Masao Hayase | Sally Sakaida |
| Chiemi Hiyakumoto | Kotaro Sako |
| Naoki Honda | Tadayoshi Sako |
| Uichiro Honda | Toshio Sugita |
| Haruko Iwamoto | Marsha Tagami |
| Jay Izuo | Kelsey Takara |
| Sharon Kai | Haruyuki Tamamoto |
| Kenya Kanagawa | Fusayo Tanabe |
| Yumiko Kanagawa | Dennis Tanaka |
| Robert Kimoto | Emily Tanisue |
| Yoshio Kunimitsu | Nobuya Tashima |
| | Genchi Tonaki |

Please call the minister at (808) 625-0925 and/or email dharm.connection@gmail.com if there are corrections or additions to the published list. Families may call the minister to schedule special family memorial services for their loved ones. For 2022, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

2021 1st Year	2006 17th Year	1990 33rd year
2020 3rd Year	1991 23rd Year	1973 50th year
2016 7th Year	1998 25th year	1923 100th year
2010 13th Year		



BON 2022

THANK YOU!

It was another successful Country Store event enjoyed by all! We were so overwhelmed by your generous donations and would like to thank everyone for the many contributions of your delectable baked goods of cookies, pizzelles, brownies, pretzels, mochi, banana and mango bread, energy bars, baklava, sekihan, takuan, lilikoi butter, nuts, fruits, boiled peanuts, warabi and so much more!

We had a vast array of plants and air plants, a wide selection of beautiful kimonos and hapi coats, and an assortment of hand-made craft items of scrubbies, dolls, blankets, bags and rugs, zipper pouches, and jar openers which kept us busy on both nights!

We also had a chance to share recipes in that short moment of purchase with our customers! Water was also provided to keep us all hydrated. Thank you so much!

Our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all of our BWA ladies, the Sangha, our temple, and our community for a wonderful Bon Country Store event!



A big Mahalo to all who attended our 3rd quarter Adopt-A-Highway clean-up on Saturday, August 27, 2022. As always, this project would not be possible without the dedicated members of the Sangha!

Upon returning from their assigned areas along Kam Hwy., the group gathered outside for McDonald's breakfast snacks, coffee, water, and fellowship.

Many hands make light work! Please mark your calendars for our last clean-up day of 2022 on Saturday, November 19th, 8am.

If you haven't participated in the cleanup in a while, please consider coming back! If you have not participated before, please feel free to join us! After a brief safety meeting, you will be assigned an area to clean, then we wrap up with refreshments. It's a great way to spend one morning a quarter with your fellow Sangha members and help keep our Mililani community clean. We hope to see you there on November 19th!

Coordinator: Tyler Oshiro



FYI.....



Mililani Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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3) download a copy from the temple website: mililanihongwanji.org

For additional information check out our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mililani-Hongwanji-Buddhist-Temple/114271522485>

Adult Day Center at Mililani Hongwanji

Aloha! We would like to let everyone know that we are accepting applications for Adult Day Center enrollment. Do you know anyone caring for a loved one that needs respite or help caring for their loved one throughout the day? We are welcoming new clients in our **air conditioned** facility.

For any interested new applicants, we are offering tuition assistance. Please contact our ADC Director Trece White for more information at (808) 561-2147. We are OPEN 5 Days a week Monday thru Fridays from 8am-5pm; most Saturdays upon availability with shortened hours. Early drop off can be arranged beginning at 7am.

Memorial Services

Mililani Hongwanji conducts memorial services in honor of those who have passed away. The Shotsuki Memorial Service is a general memorial service which are held monthly to remember members and friends who passed away during the month in which the memorial service is held. These services are held primarily for those individuals that do not fall in the yearly service interval cycle.

Nenki Hoyo Memorial Services are memorial services which are held separate from the monthly memorial services in yearly intervals. These separate private services can be held before, on or after the memorial dates. It is a personal opportunity to gather as a family to encounter and listen to the Buddha Dharma and remember your family members and friends who have passed on and through these services, we are able to reflect on all that we have received from them in our daily lives. It also gives families the opportunity to reconnect with members they otherwise would not see during the course of the year.

Monthly Joint Memorial Service Change



Mililani Hongwanji's monthly joint memorial service is on the **SECOND** Sunday of each month. There will be a small change in the format of the monthly joint memorial service. Mililani Hongwanji will continue to publish the names of the members and friends that will be honored in the monthly memorial services.

For families attending the joint memorial service, please sign in on the memorial service tablet on the counter, which will be made available every Sunday leading up the service.

For those who wish to add or remove family members or friends from the published list, please let Rev. Fujimoto know as soon as possible to ensure proper action.

Minister's Private Visitation

Are you unable to come to the temple? Please call Rev. David Fujimoto at 808.625.0925 to request a private visit. The minister would love to reach out to you and be the bridge between you, the temple and the sangha!



Mahalo for your DANA

(July 6, 2022 to August 8, 2022)

Funeral

Janis Kinmore

Funeral service for the late Jane Nakauchi

General Donation

Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto
James & Karen Nakasone
Lester & Joyce Ogawa
Dirk Yoshizawa
Tomeo Yoshizawa

For used propane tank
Via Aloha United Way



General Donation (Bon Dance)

Charles & Shirley Kon
James & Karen Nakasone
James & Karen Nakasone
Tsutomu & Edith Otsuka
Glenn S. & Minnie Yoshimori

Inurnment Service

Janis Kinmore

Inurnment service for the late Jane Nakauchi

Joint Memorial Service

Michie Ando
Takashi Ando
June Asato
June Asato
Harley & Martha Ishii
Wayne & Roberta Kishinami
Wayne & Roberta Kishinami
Sylvia Koike
Aileen Sato

IMO Hyokichi & Naka Ando
IMO Hyokichi & Naka Ando
IMO Hisao Miyasaki
IMO Nancy Higa
IMO Jerald Sumida
IMO Robert Nakata
IMO Kazumi Sanehira
IMO Kayono Koike
IMO Jason Sato



In Gratitude.

**Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu**

Memorial Service

Sylvia Koike

IMO Rev. Sandra Hiramatsu

Obon Service

Janet Abe



Bon 2022 Photo Gallery





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NEWSLETTER

September 2022

Calendar

Sept 21 (Wed)	9:00 am	Peace Day Bell Ringing (see below)
22 (Thu)	9:00 am	Before service clean-up
25 (Sun)	11:00 am	Higan-E Service
Thursdays	9:00am-12:00pm	Yard/temple maintenance, exercise

President's Message



Hi. Living alone can have its perks. Nobody tells me what to do (except my older sister and everybody else.) My home is a mess, but I kind of know where everything is. The other week, I misplaced an orange hand towel that I used as an all purpose outdoor rag. I looked

everywhere, even in my cars. Then one day I was watering my drying up aloe plants, and there it was, spread out and blending in. I'm still not "nuts". Have someone check on you, and you do the same. It helps as I get older.

Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,

Craig T. Tsutsumi

Mahalo for your Donations

General

Mr. Michael Sawamoto

Ofuse

Mr. Gary Tashiro ~ Funeral Service
for Mrs. Beatrice Tashiro

Join us at the temple!
You may also join from your home or office - register to receive the link

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

2022 PEACE DAY IN HAWAII

International Day of Peace



You're Invited!



"RINGING BELLS for PEACE DAY"

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 - 9:01 AM

Register here: bit.ly/PeaceDay2022

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite the world to join us in ringing bells for PEACE DAY,

Wednesday, September 21st at 9:01 AM.

At 9:00 AM , we will have a minute of silence to honor all those who sacrificed for us to achieve peace.

Immediately following the minute of silence, bells will be rung by representatives at all the respective temples, churches, schools, and community organizations and individuals. They're our future in ensuring peace throughout the world.

We are also planning to capture the program and all participants on a Zoom Screen, simultaneously, so get your computers ready when you are sent the link to join the event.

Please RSVP by Sept. 12, 2022

You may request a Participation Form to

Rene Mansho - ph: 808-291-6151
renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

Rev. David Fujimoto's office hours at Ewa Hongwanji ~ Thursdays 9:00 am-11:00 am.
You may also contact him at 808-625-0925 (Mililani Hongwanji Office) or leave a message on Ewa Hongwanji's voicemail at 808-681-5222.

Keep informed of what's happening at Ewa Hongwanji - <https://bit.ly/3bKGt2f>